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Application of: Khaw et al.

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Application No.: 09/727,421

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Examiner: L. Cook

For: IMMUNOASSAY TECHNIQUE USING
MULTISPECIFIC MOLECULES

Attorney Docket No.: 9449-016-999

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed March 12, 2002, please consider the amendments and remarks below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 51-55 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 1-50 are presently pending. Claims 51-55 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants fully reserve their rights to prosecute the subject matter of any canceled claim in one or more continuation, continuation-in-part or divisional applications.

THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has required a restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following Groups:

- I: Claims 1-50 are drawn to a method and kit utilized to detect an antigen of interest in a sample with a multispecific molecule, classified in class 436, subclass 518; and